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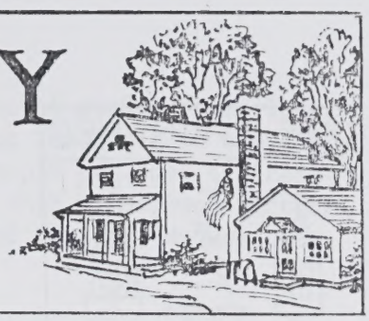


December, 1972

OUR TOWN

Special Town Meeting to Vote on Snow Removal and Police Fund Transfers

On Friday, December 1, a special town meeting was held to vote on the following Articles: 1) Transfer by the selectmen of $2,600 from the overlay surplus to the snow removal account; 2) Transfer of the $1,875 remaining in the budget for the former police chief, Thaddeus Falcon, to the general account. About 40 persons were present at this meeting.

Article 1 was unanimously passed without discussion. Article 2 generated considerable discussion, centering on the basic police needs of the town. Many interesting points were raised. One was the difference between having full-time police protection, and having a full-time police chief. The latter was voted for by the citizens of Monterey at last winter's town meeting, but the selectmen have found it impossible to implement this decision since Mr. Falcon's resignation. The present police force is composed of 5 part-time members, paid on an hourly basis: Acting Chief Douglas Lyman, Leroy Thorpe, Arthur and Kitty Hastedt and Robert Hardisty.

Another point raised was the way the needs of the town vary according to the season of the year. In summer the population is almost tripled, and the demands on the police force increase proportionately. Due to the many facets and ramifications of this problem, a motion was made to appoint a committee to study the various possible alternatives to the current set-up and submit a summary of their findings to the selectmen in time for them to be included in the Articles on the agenda for the annual town meeting. This motion was passed by a voice vote.

A motion to pay $360 as two weeks' vacation pay to Ex-Chief Falcon out of the $1,875 remaining in the budget for his salary was defeated by a voice vote. Selectmen Chairman John Pizzichemi explained that the chief's vacation pay would not, in any case, have come out of the amount allotted for his full-time salary. He said the matter would have to be discussed with Town Counsel Robert Donelan, in order to arrive an equitable solution to this problem. The motion to transfer the $1,875 to the general budget was then passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Annual Town Meeting

The date of the annual town meeting has been set. It will be held in the church social room on Saturday, February 17, 1973.

Committee Appointed to Study Police Needs of the Town

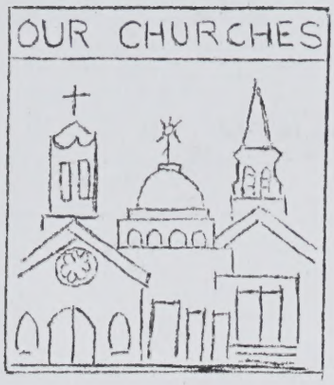
Acting on the motion voted on at the special town meeting on December 1, the selectmen have appointed 8 persons to serve on a committee to study the police needs of Monterey. They will summarize the various possible alternatives, taking into consideration the approximate cost to the town in each case, and will present their findings to the selectmen during the early part of 1973. Members of this committee, which has already held two meetings, are: Anne Makuc, Chairman, John Pizzichemi, Douglas Lyman, Thomas Gillis, Barbara Tryon, Barbara Gauthier, Eleanor Wolfer and Patricia Howard.

Snow Removal

The Raymond W. Tryon Construction being unable to continue their job of plowing the major and secondary roads of Monterey, the selectmen have hired Henry Phelps, of Hupi Road, Monterey, and Ronald Leonard, of Hatchery Road, Hartsville, to handle the snow removal on these roads this winter.

Snowmobile Club to Meet December 19

On Tuesday, December 19, 7:30 p.m., at the Fire House, there will be a meeting of the Monterey Snowmobile Club. It is hoped that all owners and users of snowmobiles will plan to attend this meeting, at which the rules and regulations for their operation in this area will be discussed, and an attempt made to get the whole thing organized before a typical Berkshire winter closes in on us. Watch for further news about snowmobiles in our January issue.



CATHOLIC CHURCHES

Masses every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. at the Immaculate Conception Church, Mill River.

MONTEREY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Notes — Morning worship each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. . . . . Church School at 9:15 a.m. . . . . Forefathers' Sunday worship, with its austerity and simplicity found a number of people speaking of the power they felt within this form. . . . During the celebration of Advent we are lighting one additional Advent candle each Sunday in our morning worship and in a number of our homes. . . . The end of the year is drawing near and there is still time to make your pledge or donation to the church if you have not yet done so. The budget for 1972 was $13,755; the total amount donated or pledged at the time of the annual canvass last summer was $10,912.

Community Use of Social Room — The church sees its role as helping to facilitate community functions. The social room is used by various organizations, and this is a service we are glad to provide. There is increasing need, however, in order to keep the room in clean and attractive condition, that groups 1) take responsibility for sweeping the floor after their meetings; 2) put chairs and tables back after use; 3) leave the kitchen clean. This care by each group will help keep the social room an enjoyable place for all who use it.

Plan to Call an Associate Minister — On Sunday, December 10, the church called a special meeting to act on the proposal that we establish the position of associate minister, and that Lois Rose, of Stockbridge, be called to fill this position. This plan is to be financed by Dr. Brallier, reducing his cash salary by one half and applying it toward the salary of the associate minister. In addition, $500 will be drawn from the accrued interest in the Adams Memorial Fund as a supplement to Mrs. Rose's salary, and also for travel expense. This Fund is especially designated for youth activities, and since a significant part of Mrs. Rose's time will be spent in this area of the church's ministry, this is deemed an appropriate expenditure.

Dr. Brallier plans to supplement his salary loss by conducting growth groups in several different communities. The advantage of this plan is that more time and a richer variety of skills will be brought to the ministry of our church. The proposal calls for a trial period of six months, at the end of which time it will be evaluated. It will need to prove satisfactory to both the church and Mrs. Rose if it is to be continued.

The proposal was unanimously approved at our special meeting.

On Sunday, January 7, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., there will be a reception for Lois Rose and her family at the parsonage. Everyone is invited.

Christmas Events — Lessons and Carols and Candlelighting Service, Sunday, December 17, 7:30 p.m.; Christmas Caroling, Wednesday, December 20, 6:15 p.m.; Children's Christmas Celebration, Friday, December 22, 7:00 p.m.; Christmas Eve Celebration at Gould Farm, Sunday, December 24, 7:30 p.m.

PHILERGIANS

On November 16 we held a "teacup auction" at the home of Frances Tryon. We opened with a business meeting. The first subject of discussion was the need to clean up the kitchen of the church social room. It was decided to make this a community project and that as many persons as possible would come to the social room the following Tuesday, November 21, bringing pails and soap powder, as well as a sandwich for lunch. Marie Brallier offered to provide the coffee. (This was accomplished, as planned -- several people showed up, worked hard and had a good time too.)

Other motions made and passed at this meeting were: 1) that the Philergians send a check for $25 to Mr. Dyer-Bennet, in gratitude for the benefit concert given by him at the church last summer; 2) that we pay for a chemical toilet, to be installed in the church social room by Mr. Cavanaugh, and that Hadley Simons urge him to get this job done as soon as possible; 3) that a standard office typewriter be ordered by Patricia Howard for her work for the church and the MONTEREY NEWS, and be paid for by the Philergians.

We then held our teacup auction, with very active bidding, and netted the sum of $11.50 for the Philergians.

Our last meeting was at the home of Patricia Howard. At the business meeting, the following motions were made and passed: 1) that the Philergians donate $100 to the organ fund, which is still short $2,000; 2) that we accept Mary Thorn's generous offer of Girl Scout help with the cleaning of the social room, the untidy condition of which is still a great problem to the church and the community as a whole; 3) that other problems connected with use of the social room be looked into and reported on at our next meeting.

Patricia then read "A Child's Christmas in Wales" by Dylan Thomas. We were all charmed.

Helen Shaw

WHY ISN'T LOVING EASIER?

There is a popular song which keeps reminding us that "what the world needs now is love, sweet love." This song, like many others, carries the implication that love is basically a very simple matter. There are no real problems, except that people are just too hard-hearted to let love flow out. What are we to say in the face of this widespread recognition that love could drastically alter the shape of our lives, and yet here we are, refusing to give it an opportunity to work its magic?

First of all, it is evident that love is not as simple as the writers of popular songs would have us believe. Most of us are certain that we are ready and willing, yes, even longing to live with love. What holds us back is our fear that we may be "done in" if we love too naively. As individuals, we want to be loving, but we are held back by the nature of the world in which we live.

The wife cries out that she would be only too glad to love generously, but it has become clear to her that this leaves her vulnerable to great hurt from her husband, so she is now living very cautiously. Every nation declares that it would gladly disarm, but of course, the other nations are so malicious and grasping that disarmament is impossible.

Those who contend that they are ready to love, but cannot, because of the nature of the world around them have a valid point. If every overture of love were to be met with a warm response, then "love, sweet love" would spread through the world like an avalanche gathering additional force as it hurtles on its course. There is an enormous hunger in the human heart for a world in which love prevails, yet this can never happen until society and "the world" are organized in such a way as to enable this to become a reality.

Let us, for a moment, take seriously the cry of persons that they long to love and be loved, but the world stands in their way. If so many people feel this, then we need to take another look at the nature of the society we have created. We all say we didn't intend it to be so, but most of the human groupings we know operate largely on the premise that others cannot be trusted, and therefore we must be on our guard. We are caught in the same old dilemma: as individuals, we long for love, but we are thwarted by society.

The argument that the blame for our lovelessness lies in society is strengthened when we see the emergence of groupings of people who have indeed found ways to release in others much greater freedom to love. There seems to be clear evidence that some social structures enable the loving, creative impulses of persons to flow forth, while others dam them up.

I, for one, am becoming more ready to pay careful attention to the cry that society does hinder loving. Nevertheless, I do not let myself forget that "society" is a collection of human beings. It is not a fixed entity, but is capable of being shaped and re-shaped. I should like to commit myself, to the extent I am able, to helping a society emerge that will free up the longing of persons for loving and their basic capacity to fulfill this longing. Releasing people's capacity and freedom to love cannot wait until the "new society" appears. Unless personal hang-ups in loving become "un-hung", I simply cannot imagine how we can hope to create this new society.

Fear and inability to trust others continue to be serious impediments to loving. My knowledge that loving makes me vulnerable to your capacity to hurt me causes me to hold back from you. I build a wall to keep you from getting close to me. You are frustrated by this wall. Sure enough, you did hurt me, but perhaps only because you were trying to find some way to penetrate my wall. If you and I repeat this pattern often enough, it should gradually dawn upon at least one of us that our mutual fear of being hurt is standing in our way. Until one of us becomes more daring, more willing to risk hurt, the tragedy of separateness is bound to continue. Who will help us extricate ourselves from this dilemma?

We sometimes glibly say that "God is love." What do we mean by that? Could we possibly be saying that our lives are created and grounded in love, that love is the very environment in which we live? Learning to love is, in some ways, like learning to swim. When I am afraid of the water, my every movement drags me down. When I learn to trust it, the water becomes wonderfully supporting. So it is, too, with the "sea of love" in which we find our lives immersed. It threatens to destroy us. Yet, once we learn to trust the love which was the origin and purpose of our creation, it becomes the most free and joyous environment a person can ever know.

Virgil V. Brallier, Minister
Monterey United Church of Chris

"Love is the hardest lesson in Christianity: but for
that reason it should be most our care to learn it."

— William Penn

NEW MARLBOROUGH-MONTEREY PTA

The New Marlborough-Monterey Toy Fair was a success, raising $430 for the scholarship fund. Toy Sale Chairmen, Mrs. Judy Thompson and Mrs. Maureen Clark, and Raffle Chairmen, Mrs. Iris Sluka and Mrs. Neil MacKenzie, deserve much credit. Both teachers and parents contributed to this worthwhile cause.

Raffle winners were as follows: First prize: ten weekday ski passes, donated by Butternut Basin, won by Richard Candee, Monterey; second prize: ceramic lighted Christmas tree, made and donated by Mrs. Iris Sluka, won by Keith Wilkinson, Mill River; third prize: Avon gift package, donated by Mrs. Arthur Goewey, won by Richard Johnston, Pittsfield.

Mrs. Helen Gugino, Southern Berkshire Regional School District Nurse, was an interesting guest speaker at our November meeting. She hopes to invite more community cooperation in satisfying the health needs of our school children. During the same evening, Mrs. Mildred Fennell gave a playground equipment committee report. Members of the committee are contacting private groups and individuals to seek donations and help in improving the New Marlborough Central School's playground. This is desperately needed.

January 29 will be the date of the next New Marlborough-Monterey PTA meeting, at which time a video tape entitled "Your Child's Day at School" will be shown. Try to attend!

Best wishes for the holidays!

Brian W. Callahan, President

GOULD FARM

On the afternoon of Saturday, December 2, Robert Porter and Ann Van Hornwwere married at the home of the Reverend Thomas Bigham, iu New Marlborough. The Reverend Virgil Brallier officiated at the double-ring ceremony. The spacious old house formed a perfect setting for the wedding and the reception which followed. Out-of-town relatives and friends of he bride and groom were joined by a large number of Great Barrington and Monterey residents and almost the entire Gould Farm family of guests and staff, including the former executive director, the Reverend Hampton Price, and his wife, Ruth. The bride looked lovely in a full-length gown of white, with a delicate tracery of gold, silver and pale blue. The couple left for a two weeks' honeymoon in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Mrs. Marta Meluleni, long-time resident of Gould Farm, has welcomed her third grandchild, born November 25. The infant is the daughter of Erika Meluleni Merriam. She and her husband live in Pittsfield, and are frequent visitors to the Farm.

On Thanksgiving Day, a short service was held, as usual, in the living room. There were eighty-five persons at the sumptuous dinner which followed the service. Instead of grace, we sang, "We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing", accompanied by recorders and auto harps. Place cards, each with a verse, had been arranged on the tables. There was also for each person an upside-down nut cup, with a feather on it, designed to look like a Pilgrim hat. Instead of following the everyday custom of having the men clear the tables and serve the dessert, waitresses (staff and guests) in white caps and aprons, like Pilgrim maids, performed this service. Greetings were read from absent friends. Pauline Bukantz had written a harvest report, in verse, using statistics supplied by Steve Morse. Bob Porter read the story of the first Gould Farm Thanksgiving dinner, attended by Mr. and Mrs. Gould, with a handful of relatives and friends. It was, of necessity, a meagre repast. Miss Eleanor Goodyear, who was present at that long-ago meal, told of the noisy interruption that occurred in the middle of it when a cow fell through the shed floor. The animal was found contentedly munching apples that had been stored in the cellar.

Rose McKee

AVALON SCHOOL

Boy Scout Troop #61 has been working on a dual service project in the sanitary landfill area at the town dump. The first part of the project was picking up papers around the dump. The second part consisted of starting to paint the two doors of the trash collector in this area. The primer coat is already on, and we are hoping to put on the final coat this coming weekend. We recently had an election of troop officers. They are: Raymond Womack, senior patrol leader, Dana Moore, Craig Lewis and Patrick Corsetto, patrol leaders; Joseph Pascale, assistant senior patrol leader, and Todd Anderson, scribe.

We have started the publication of a school newspaper, which we hope will come out regularly once a month. The following was the lead article on the editorial page of our most recent issue. (Spelling and punctuation unchanged -- paragraphs condensed due to lack of space. Ed., MONT. NEWS)

"My name is Paul Link Davis. I am from Cleveland, Ohio. I came to Avalon School about three weeks ago. When I arrived here I had never amagined the campus to be the way it was. The dorm they put me in is OK. Richy is our dorm director. I found him to be a pretty cool man. Some are given jobs like being a waiter for the dining room. This job pay us $1.50. We have to go to bed about 10:30. We get up about 7:30 we have breakfast about 8:15 then it is time to slide to school. I am one of Dan's student's. I found him to be a very good teacher. We have differant kinds of activities. One is on Wednsday in which we go to the store and to the gym. We also go roller skating on Saturday's. We go swimming on Sunday. I'd like to make a comment about our beutiful cook, named Ethal, she is a very nice woman and she is very understanding. I don't feel that is right when someone gets into trouble that everyone should suffer for it there must be some other way to to settle the matter, if we try together we all can do our thing. Paul Link Davis, Editor"

Eugene Bowski

BOY SCOUTS

We are moving our meetings up to the Fish Hatchery. Until recently we had been meeting at the home of the Fennells.

Within the last month, the following boys of Troop #39 have been awarded the rank of Scout: Daniel Andrus, Timothy Carson, Michael MacDonald and Neil Morse. We have also held elections. Our new scribe is Peter Brown; librarian, Owen Wright; bugler, Remo Pizzichemi.

A Court of Honor is tentatively planned for Monday, January 15.

Eugene Bowski

CUB SCOUTS

The Cub Scouts had their monthly pack meeting on December 1 at New Marlborough Central School. The first thing we did was a scrambled word game. Mr. Clark and Mrs. Salzmann won. After that we had the flag ceremony. Then the awards: Stephen Brown -- 2 silver arrows; John Makuc and Kevin Bradley -- one-year pins. Then the Webelos put on a thing about trees. Then we flew gliders. The winner of the glider contest was Stephen Brown. Then for the closing Den #1 ran out with elf hats on and then we sang "Jingle Bells". Merry Christmas!

Stephen Brown

P.S. The theme for December is "Follows, Helps, Gives". There will be no meeting this month. The theme for January is "Music Makers". The next pack meeting will be at the end of January.

Pat Andrus

WEBELOS

The boys who received badges last month were: Kenny Heath -- Aquanaut, Forester and Citizen; Darrell Lemmerman -- Aquanaut, Engineer, Outdoorsman and Traveller; Mark Makuc -- Outdoorsman and Citizen; Shawn Ryder -- Aquanaut and Outdoorsman. Two-year pins were awarded to Darrell Lemmerman, Kenny Heath and Shawn Ryder.

During the month of December the Webelos have been working on Christmas decorations.

John Ryder

GIRL SCOUTS

The Junior group went to Mrs. Lemmerman's house on Monday, November 20, and did some cooking. On Wednesday, November 30, the Cadets and Juniors gave a baby shower for Mrs. Pizzichemi. This month we have all been busy making Christmas decorations.

Mary Thorn

MONTEREY JUNIOR HI YOUTH GROUP

Last month we had a splash party and invited the fifth and sixth grades to share in the fun. We all had such a good time that we are planning to do it again soon.

Our group was responsible for making the vigil candles which are to be used at the Christmas Candlelighting Service on Sunday, December 17. We have a good group and expect to continue having many lively activities in the coming year. All seventh and eighth graders are invited to join.

Virgil Brallier

4-H CLUBS

Monterey Roadrunners

The first meeting of the new season was held November 21. We elected the following new officers: Susan Heath, president; Ann Pedersen, vice-president; Kristine Heath, secretary; Susan Andrus, treasurer. The club has 16 members this year. Dues of $1 were collected at the December 11 meeting.

Two members of our horse club received county medals on November 16 at a banquet held for leaders and special award winners at Green Acres Fireside Restaurant, in Cheshire. They were Susan Bynack and Kristine Heath. Three other girls from Monterey also won county medals -- Susan Heath for Agricultural, and Karen and Charlene Ryder for Dress Revue.

Monterey Panhandlers

Some of the dishes that we have made this past month included: macaroni and cheese, spaghetti with meat sauce, oven chicken, baked potatoes, rolled biscuits and panned cabbage. This year we are cooking from the 4-H book "Meals for Today -- The Easy Way". At our last meeting we made and decorated Christmas cookies. We won't be meeting again until after the holidays.

Gail Heath

SPECIAL "YOUTH" NEWS of Monterey

The population has been increased by three babies in the last three weeks! They are: Jennifer Mary Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Brown, born November 25; Natasha Grotz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stefan Grotz, born December 12; and John Pizzichemi, Jr., son of Selectmen Chairman John Pizzichemi and Mrs. Pizzichemi, born December 14. May there be many bright years ahead for all of them!

MONTEREY GRANGE

On November 15 our program was an "Apple Festival". Members brought various things for sale made out of apples, and the sale was a great success. The December 6 meeting unfortunately had to be cancelled because of weather conditions.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, December 20 --a "Christmas Program". Members are to bring 50¢-to-75¢ gifts, appropriate for either men or women. There will be a covered dish supper, in charge of Anne Vickerman. Don't forget to bring your Betty Crocker stamps as well, which The Grange is collecting to contribute the heart machine in Pittsfield.

Ethel Warner, Master

A C K N O W L E D G M E N T S

The staff of the MONTEREY NEWS is literally overwhelmed with gratitude at the response received to our November appeal. What can we say but thank you from the bottom of our hearts? We plan to write individual notes to everyone we have not had a chance to thank in person, when the general upheaval of Christmas is over, but so far have not had a chance to do so. In any case, we wish a blessed Christmas and a bright New Year to all our readers, and, with your help, hope to continue making the NEWS grow better and better "every day (or rather, month!) in every way" during the coming year.

Contributions to date have been received from the following: Mr. & Mrs. Earl Adams, John Adams, Thomas Andrus, Leonard Bogdanoff, William Bohn, Eugene Bowski, George Brett, Sheldon Bristol, Sigmund Bronstein, Mr. & Mrs. Edward Brosseau, Florence Brown & Alice Burhans, Philip Buchanan, Louise Buonaguro & Annette Swanson, Mr. & Mrs. William Burhans, Paul Carnese, Ruth Carr, Virginia Cesario, Evelyn Chamberlain, Leona Chamberlin, Mrs. Olive Davis, Drs. Hugo & Alice De Martino, Paul Desfossé, Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Dietter, Robert J. Donelan, Elizabeth S. Dreher, Mr. & Mrs. Edward Dunlop, Jean Dunning, Rudolph Erda, Thaddeus Falcon, Mr. & Mrs. William J. Fennell, Dora A. Fisher, Mr. & Mrs. William Foss, Henry Freundlich, Virginia Funk, Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Germain, Ellie Gilligan, Thomas F. Gillis, Ruth Gordon, Harry Gottlieb, Mrs. H.A. Guden & Mr. & Mrs. John Fijux, Helen Hanley, & Irene Kenny, Harold Hart, Mr. & Mrs. Roy Hepp, Mr. & Mrs. Kelly Janes, Bjorn Jenssen, Mr. & Mrs. Ervin Kern, Israel Ketani, Mr. & Mrs. Martin Killeen, Rupert King, Mrs. Clarence Kinne & Mrs. Mildred Walsh, Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Kleban, Amy Klier, John Kotleski, Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Kraft, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Lancome, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Langer, Mr. & Mrs. Edward LeComte, Mr. & Mrs. Harold Lemmerman, Elsie M. Leuchs, Elizabeth S. Lippert, Suzanne MacIver, Rose McKee, Mrs. M.L. McIntosh, Floyd McKay, Marjorie McLaughlin, Helen McKay, Dr. Noël Mahm, Mr. & Mrs. Donald LaMudge, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Henry Makuc, Mrs. Martin J. Mellon, George Mensi, Mr. & Mrs. John Perry Miller, Mrs. Julius Miner, Mr. & Mrs. Ed Morris, Mr. & Mrs. Eugene O'Connell & Mrs. W. F. Conklin, Dr. & Mrs. William Oislander, Raymond Olds, Mr. & Mrs. Merton O'Prey, Mrs. E. Ormandy, Our Lady of the Valley Church, Walter Parks, Burton Paustian, Mrs. Charles Peet, Mr. & Mrs. A. Peter Phillips, Albert Platt, Mrs. P.E. Plehn, Mr.&Mrs. Louis Potter, Dorothea Potz, Lillian Preiss, Joan W. Reed, Mrs. Maurice Roberts, Mr, & Mrs. Howard Rosen, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Rotondo, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Schlegel, Marion Schneider, Mr. & Mrs. Leo Schreiber, Peter Schweitzer, Helen Shaw, Mrs. Herbert Silberner, Mr. & Mrs. Hadley Simons, Leslie G. Slater, Lucy Smith, Kent Smith, Mrs. W. G. Stevenson, Frances Tryon, Raymond Tryon, Eleanor Varney, Rev. Raymond Ward, Belle Weiss, Mr. & Mrs. Martin Weiss, Margaret White, Josephine C. Wilkinson, E. Belvin Williams, Mr.&Mrs. Charles Wocel, Mary R. Wocel, Mr. & Mrs. Wondrasch, Mrs. Ralph Worden.

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